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SUBJECT: APEX Special Access Control System

1. The President, acting upon the recommendation of the Director of Central Intelligence, has directed the adoption of a single system of compartmentation in the Intelligence Community. This system is to be known as APEX. The current programs of special compartmentation will be phased out; individually they will remain in existence until such time as APEX is implemented. The implementation of APEX will be phased deliberately to allow senior review of major milestones.

2. The President has named the Director of Central Intelligence as Executive Agent for the National Security Council in establishing and operating APEX. The DCI, in turn, has established two implementing mechanisms:

°A Special Assistant to the DCI for Compartmentation.

°An APEX Steering Group, with representatives from participating departments and agencies.

3. The Director of Central Intelligence has appointed [redacted] as his Special Assistant for Compartmentation and as the Chairman of the APEX Steering Group. [redacted] will operate with a small APEX Control Staff composed of four professional officers. [redacted] will serve as [redacted] deputy. They can be reached on extensions [redacted]

4. The CIA Member of the APEX Steering Group is [redacted] Room 3E-63 Headquarters. [redacted] is Chief, Collection Requirements and Evaluation Staff, NFAC. [redacted] alternate [redacted]

on the APEX Steering Group will be [redacted] [redacted] will be the CIA point of contact as efforts to implement the APEX system proceed.

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5. The DCI Security Committee obviously has considerable equity in this new Special Access Control System, and will have direct representation on the APEX Steering Group.

[redacted] Deputy Director of Security for Community Affairs, will be the Security Advisor to the APEX Steering Group. [redacted] Office of General Counsel, will be the Legal Advisor.

6. The creation of APEX is a major breakthrough but it will require a great effort on the part of this Office to assure its success. I certainly want all Office personnel to do everything possible to facilitate the implementation of APEX. Within the Office of Security I see significant contributions will be necessary from several sectors:

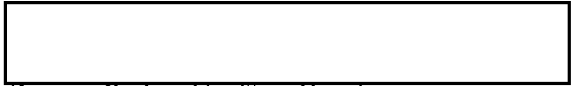
°On the DD/P&M side I see significant work flowing to the Policy and Plans Group as they coordinate papers received from [redacted] or [redacted]. They will need prompt and thorough staffing. Accordingly, it may be appropriate for each Deputy Director to appoint a contact for PPG on APEX matters. I also see a significant DD/P&M contribution flowing from the Special Security Center and its Compartmented Information Branch. The former will have many requirements in implementing APEX, particularly in participating non-NFIB departments. The Compartmented Information Branch will have a major challenge in converting SPECLE II to 4C technology. In the latter effort, considerable initiative and creativity will be needed for a smooth transition.

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°Within the DD/PTOS I see major emphasis on involving the Area Security Officers in the APEX implementation effort. The Area Security Officers must be given information and advice on APEX policy and APEX procedures. This challenge will fall to the PTOS directorate. At the same time, the Industrial Security Branch will be expected to facilitate a rapid and secure transfer to the APEX system by our industrial contractors.

°Within the DD/PSI directorate the major focus will be on issuing APEX approvals based on the requirements of DCID 1/14. By using this same criteria as now employed for SCI approvals, including the requirement for 5-year updates, there will be continuity with the SCI personnel security programming of the past.

7. I know that the Intelligence Community has not viewed the APEX proposal uniformly nor always necessarily in a favorable light. Now, however, that the crucial APEX decision has been made, i.e., to move toward implementation, I expect your fullest cooperation.


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